

THE MARYLAND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES – MAY 15, 2002

Chairman Tim Lambert called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Approval for Minutes from March 2002 and April 2002 Meeting

- March meeting minutes approved without correction.
- Director Peditto addressed the issue regarding the format of the minutes. He presented to the Commission two formats:
 - 1) Six to eight pages summarized with detail of information that is not essential.
 - 2) The shorter version with two to three pages, recording items from the agenda and motions.
 - 3) Chairman Lambert asked the Commission if anyone had a problem with the shorter version of the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor of adopting the shorter version of the minutes for future meetings with proceedings recorded on tape.

Introductions

- Chairman Lambert welcomed the guests, who included former Chairman Spaulding Goetze of the Wildlife Advisory Commission and former Chairman Steve Kanstoroom of the Non-Lethal Task Force.
- Director Peditto introduced Mr. Gary Fratz (Western Maryland Representative). Commissioner Fratz stated that he is interested in wildlife and farming. He is very pleased to be a part of this Commission. Commissioner Lambert welcomed Commissioner Fratz.

Wildlife and Heritage Service (WHS) Regional Operations Program Report

- Associate Director Pete Jayne introduced regional managers.
 - 1) Jim Mullan (Western Maryland)
 - 2) Bryan King (Southern Maryland)
 - 3) Ken D'Loughy (Central Maryland)
 - 4) John Moulis (Eastern Maryland)
- Mr. Jayne gave a Power Point presentation, which provided a comprehensive overview of regional operations. He also handed out a written summary [Attachment A] of the Regional Operations.
- Program Mission
 - 1) Customer Service (Regional Service Centers)
 - 2) Public Lands
 - 3) Private Lands
 - 4) Wildlife Response
- Questions and Answers
 - 1) Commissioner Lowell Adams inquired about funding sources.
 - 2) Mr. Jayne replied that virtually all funds come from special funds such as Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act and the Wildlife Management Protection Fund.

Non-Lethal Task Force Report

- The members that attended the meeting were Steve Kanstoroom, Kevin Sullivan, and Scott Healy. Commissioner Lowell Adams and Chairman Tim Lambert also served on this task force.
- Mr. Kanstoroom handed out a letter [Attachment B] to Governor Glendening from the Non-Lethal Task Force.
- Why the task force was appointed:
 - 1) The task force was a forum charged with collecting information for the public-at-large.
 - 2) Explore non-lethal methods to solve problems regarding wildlife and human conflicts.
- How the Task Force Worked:
 - 1) The group focused only on non-lethal methods of wildlife management.
 - 2) Members representing diverse interests looked for common ground and developed a report that represented a compromise for some of its members.
 - 3) Issues addressed included, but were not limited to:
 - (a) Alternative Funding

(b) Public Safety Perceptions

(c) Wildlife Habitat Issues

Note: Copy of Maryland Task Force on Non-Lethal Wildlife Management will be provided to each of the Commissioners.

- Discussion ensued about several related topics.
- Where does the Task Force go from here:
 - 1) Both Mr. Sullivan and Commissioner Adams encouraged Commissioners to read the report in full.
 - 2) Members discussed the possibility of creating a subcommittee of this Commission.
 - (a) Members agreed to add the Non-Lethal Task Force subcommittee discussion as an agenda item for the future.
 - (b) Mr. Steve Kanstoroom added that many members are willing to continue to serve.

Presentation to Former member Mr. Spaulding Goetze

- The State of Maryland and the Commission recognized Mr. Goetze's dedication and commitment.
 - 1) He served as Chairman for nine years.
 - 2) Director Peditto and Chairman Lambert presented Mr. Goetze with awards.
 - 3) Many members commented on Mr. Goetze's service.

Natural Resources Police Update

- Sergeant Scott Richardson handed out April Monthly report [Attachment C].
- Director Peditto recognized NRP's response to recent eagle rescue effort.

State Forest and Park Update

- Mr. Bob Beckett, Chief Resources Management of State Forest and Park Service (SFPS) presented SFSP update:
 - 1) SFPS has completed and distributed the Black Bear Information and Education Manual.
 - 2) The manual is now available to all Garrett County SFPS employees.
- In accordance with SFPS Policy on Black Bear Response:
 - 1) SFPS has ten field staff and law enforcement officers that are trained in Black Bear aversive conditioning.
 - 2) Four officers will be taught to be Aversive Conditioning Trainers.
- The SFPS is assisting WHS with their Wild Turkey Brood Survey.
- Hemlock Wooly Adelgid Update:
 - 1) We have the infestation in the State of Maryland.
 - 2) SFPS released 5000 predator beetles at Rocky Gap at a cost of \$2.00 per beetle.
 - 3) DNR will identify public lands with clusters of Hemlock trees to help the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the United States Forestry Service (USFS) in evaluating the level of the threat in Maryland.
 - 4) Severe damage has been recorded in other states.
- Resident Canada Geese Update:
 - 1) SFSP will continue using Border Collies and remote-controlled boats to deter Resident Canada Geese.
 - 2) Depredation permits have been issued for eight parks.

MSA Update

- No report

Maryland Farm Bureau

- Early stages of planning the Wildlife Forum to be held in August 2002.

New Business

- Commissioners requested a new list of the Wildlife Advisory Commission members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Attendance

Members:	T. Lambert, C. Dollar, W. Freeland, M. King, J. Lamp, C. Garner, L. Adams, G. Fratz
Guests:	J. Fritz, S. Healy, S. Goetze, S. Kanstoroom, K. Sullivan,
Staff:	B. Beckett, B. Beyer, S. Bittner, K. Blizzard, K. D'loughy, D. Hotton, P. Jayne, B. King, J. Mullan, J. Moulis, P. Peditto, S. Richardson, T. Spencer, J. Surrick, C. Watson, L. Wiley
Absent:	K. Jones, R. Gregory